IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: M. J. Kasztejna
RICARDO ALEXANDER GOMEZ))) Art Unit: 3739
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF ENDOSCOPES) Confirmation No.: 9828
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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2009, the time for response extending to November 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and **Remarks** begin on page 7.